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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 3, 2005

Sir:

Applicant files this Response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, and having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 3, 2006. Please consider the amendments and the remarks on the pages that follow.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the replacement claim set beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.